

## SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please amend specification paragraph [0005] as follows:

**[0005]** Some interface is usually required between a VM and some underlying host operating system and hardware (in particular, the CPU), which are responsible for actually executing VM-issued instructions and transferring data to and from the actual memory and storage devices. A common term for this interface is a "virtual machine monitor" (VMM). A VMM is usually a thin piece of software that runs directly on top of a host, or directly on the hardware, and virtualizes all, or at least some of, the resources of the machine. The interface exported to the VM is then the same as the hardware interface of the machine, or at least of some machine, so that the virtual OS cannot determine the presence of the VMM. The VMM also usually tracks and either forwards (to some form of operating system) or itself schedules and handles all requests by its VM for machine resources, as well as various faults and interrupts.